

# CHILE AND PERU

**By the Associated Press.**

The way at last was opened today for the United States to extend a helping hand to Chile and Peru in their efforts here to solve the riddle of Tacna-Arica.

After exactly one month of futile endeavor to find a ground for compromise the delegates of the two South American nations today will discuss the possibility of

turnations in the Washington conference turned their attention to Secretary Hughes in the hope that he would suggest a basis of arbitration acceptable to both.

Although no official announcement was made, the Secretary was understood to be entirely willing to undertake the task. Since the conference began on May 11, he had kept himself well informed of the elements of negotiation which finally wedged the delegations into the present deadlock, and to have refrained from offering help to the negotiators only because no favorable opportunity hitherto had presented itself.

The opportunity came today through the intervention of the ambassador of the United States, who requested that the ambassador of their country hurry here to call on Mr. Hughes and discuss the situation before him. American officials here are anxious to get the matter to take place before the day was over, and since Peru already had made a statement, the United States Secretary was looked for almost immediately.

The role of Secretary Hughes is not to be that of a formal mediator, since mediation has not been requested by either side. To have accepted such a role would have been to have been felt, might have led to an impression in South America that undue interference was being made by the government of the United States. Mr. Hughes is expected to act rather in an individual capacity, and to be able to bring about a settlement by his own efforts. Mr. Hughes is expected to act rather in an individual capacity, and to be able to bring about a settlement by his own efforts.

the impartial command of the two delegations. They were apparently confronted with a barrier which they could not overcome unaided; the real difficulty being that the Chilean side had no observer group appeared today to some observers to be largely a question of phraseology. The turning of a phrase which would make the two sides' own reduction formulas no determinedly advocated from opposite sides of the conference, at a time when the aid required, at least by some of the observers, to crown the conference with success.

**End to Conference Seen.**

On questions of principle, it was pointed out, the two sides had taken positions so near together that to bridge the intervening space would appear to require no more than the aid which Chile wants to arbitrate the method

Peru proposes to arbitrate whether the correct interpretation of the clause is that a plebiscite now should be held. As a consequence, the diplomatic discussions, however long, must be the prelude to the long quest for the magic phrase to embody both of these ideas apparently has led into so many byways that the delegates merely have found themselves going about in a circle.

Coming into the discussions with

vision unclouded by the verbal bewilderments of past phases of the conference. Secretary Hughes generally is expected to have a suggestion ready for the consideration of both aides. (Only delay a day or two more and it was predicted today in many quarters probably would be enough to bring the conference finally to a standstill.)

## NORBIT DICTATES

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Andrew T. Durbin, son of the democratic state chairman of Ohio, was dictated today by the grand jury two charges of false pretenses. Durbin is in jail. He is charged with passing a check for \$50 at the Raleigh Hotel, March 10, 1931, drawn on the Continental Trust Company of New York. The other charge relates to

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